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Shea Carlson Promoted to Program Administrator in Classification Branch

FRANKFORT, Ky. (September 2, 2016) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Director of Population Management James Sweatt today announced that Shea Holliman Carlson has been promoted to program administrator for the Classification Branch.

“This is a great opportunity for Shea Carlson,” said Sweatt. “She has the knowledge, skill and dedication required for this position. “I am pleased to have the opportunity to promote a person with the integrity and strength of character that she possesses.”

Carlson began her career working as a deputy jailer at the Crittenden County Detention Center in 2007. She was promoted through the ranks to lieutenant, overseeing the class D program. In 2009, Carlson transferred to the Department of Corrections as an office support assistant II at Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP). In January 2011, she was promoted to transfer coordinator at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex. In August 2011, Carlson was promoted to accreditation manager in the procedures office at KSP. She was promoted in 2013 to unit administrator I and served as the re-entry coordinator for the institution. In 2015, Carlson was reassigned to three cellhouse, a 156-bed segregation unit.

During her career, she facilitated the process of migrating KSP toward an electronic file system for American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation. This enabled the 125-year old institution to receive in 2013 the highest ACA accreditation score in its history.

Carlson is a 2014 graduate of Mid-Continent University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and counseling. In 2016, she received her master’s degree from the University of the Cumberlands in justice administration. She is certified as an auditor for the Prison Rape Elimination Act and is a 2013 graduate of the Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Program. She is a member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

Editor’s note: photo attached

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